

but I hope you will not be too hasty
about the sale of the other house - I will
get Father to see John Lerrie and Robert Steele
as soon as he returns from Columbus
Thursday morning Jan 16th I saw John early this
morning. He says he will see Lerrie and Robert
about the lot. John takes a more cheerful view
of the country, than Luther does. He says money will
be plenty, and we will be able to pay our debts.
I hope he is right. A vol. of your Encyclopaedia Britanica,
which seems to be an index, came last
week by express, I have taken it to your house
Mrs. Pellen went to Columbus this morning to make a
visit to her husband. I heard some last
evening. He says he did not speak to Marshall
this time, for John is attending to the business.
I will see what John says. As to Laura,
I do not know her, Clara thinks she would
not do anything wrong. Tell Luther we
send to day a pamphlet, put out by Schenck
showing forth his grievances. We thought if he
has not seen it, he will be amused by reading
it. As to our Photographs, we neither like
John's prices nor his pictures, that is his case.
Fredland is going into the business, and will
bring down the price, and if he succeeds, well
we will try if we cannot have ours taken.
Mrs. Brady came to see us an evening last week
she was pretty well but very anxious for you all
to return. We had a very interesting lecture from
Rev. Saml. May Butler of Washington City.
You remember "Washington a camp" by Winthrop
Butler's lecture was before that time, but from an
other point of view, that is from the point of view of
the loyal citizens of Washing. It was most interesting
of it. But I cannot begin to give you an idea

of the first opportunity and still some the work of
me a house close as I am, and some of the
I wish you to be in N.Y. by the week of Jan
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Dear Augusta
I have just received this
Jan. 12th and as I do not feel like sewing
and as Luther's letter has made me very
sad, I think I will just answer it
now. Mary has gone to Lerres to stay all
night, to gratify Sarah who is sick with
Sore throat, and I feel lonely without her
Father went to Columbus Monday, or I
would give him Luther's letter now, as it
is, I will write and send it to him. I
hope things are not so bad as he ^{Luther} thinks
but I confess I have had my fears,
I went to see Mrs. D. Greff the other day about
the Reister, she had sent twice to know
if she could use the water, there's having
rats in it, I went to her myself, to guard
against any misunderstanding, and told
her if she would put a box on each side
of the fence, for sheeps they might use the

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water, but in no case to open the gates,
She said she would do as I required,
Ann told me they had been sending to the
house for rain water and she did not
think they were able to have their system
repaired, Mrs De Greff told me a great
deal of her troubles, among the rest, that
they had lent money to Phillips, and could
not get it from him, She said too that
she told her husband she would rather,
if the fence fell down, sit and watch it
and keep things out of the yard, than go
in debt to build a new one, but that Mr De
told her there would be money coming to him
in the spring, and then he will build his part
She thought, she could get it done cheaper than
Davis will do it; I forgot the name of the
man, but he told her he would build the
fence as low as the cedar hedge for \$28, ^{each}
The fence below the hedge to the wood house
might be repaired to last some time,
it is the best part of the old, I merely
mention this, that you may know all that

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passes, not to urge you to do anything which
you do not wish to do, The care of the property
is no trouble to us, on the contrary we are
glad to be able to do anything for you,
And as to living in a cheaper house if you
return here, I doubt if you will find any-
thing smaller, for the sum which this would
bring if sold now - we cannot sell for any-
thing, I think you will find Dorst a quiet
neighbor, They have not disturbed anything
and scarcely look that way, You know
what kind of neighbors the De Greffs are,
Mrs De requested me to send her love when
I wrote thee again, And I do believe she
is unfixed to do all in her power, What
will Luther take for his First street house
The Lew who lived near Mrs. Stutesmans
came here some time ago. to see if he could
not rent it, and said he did not know
but he would buy it; He made no offer
however, Tell us what is the least you will take
perhaps it might be sold, I would not
presume to dictate & scarcely to advise